GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONDITION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of national highways including NH-101 is far too worse in Bihar;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the condition of national highways in Bihar; and

(c) the time by when the condition of national highways will be improved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) The National Highways in Bihar are maintained in traffic worthy condition within available resources. However, around 2373 kms. of State roads including NH-101 were declared as National Highways during 9th and 10th Plan period and at the time of their declaration as National Highways they suffered from inherent deficiencies such as inadequate number of lane, weak pavement and bridge strurcture and absence of safety features resulting in their below average condition. These deficiencies are being removed in phased manner.

719 kms length of National Highways are being four laned under National Highway Development Project. There is also a proposal to improve another 890 kms length of various National Highways sections under Pradhan Mantry Bharat Jodo Pariyojna. An outlay of Rs. 132 Crores have been provided in the Annual Plan 2004-05 for improvement of remaining National Highways.

(c) The improvement of National Highways is a continuous process and is carried out in a phased manner depending upon availability of funds and inter se priority of works.